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Subject: Re: Follow up from the Tribes

Angeles,

Thanks for the heads up. Just so we are clear, is the purpose of the meeting to discuss the decision EPA has already made regarding postponement or will other topics be covered?

I have not received a return phone call from my messages last Friday with both tribal chairs and we are awaiting BLM review of our draft response letter. In the meantime, NDEP is creating a proposed consultation process for further evaluation of deferral with the tribe. At this point we are thinking of setting up monthly meetings between NDEP and Tribes between now and June but that is still under review.

I also heard from ARC yesterday that their head of BP North America remediation Bob Genovese is planning to participate in outreach with YPT. I told ARC we would notify them of NDEP interactions with Tribes.

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On Feb 16, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Herrera, Angeles <Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov> wrote:

As you know, last Monday, we offered the tribes to meet with their council. I just received a phone call from YPT chairman Thom requesting us to attend their March 8, 2017 evening council meeting. She also mentioned that the WRPT is trying to set up a council meeting on March 9 and request our participation. I will follow up directly with chairman Torres and get back to you. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. Angeles